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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the West, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was weak in the West, and mixed, but no better than steady in all other areas. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions and into sports bars. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair and usually limited to regular commitments. Breast items and wings were adequate to ample, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 01-NOV-2004

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	COMPOSITE			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	59.00-63.00	61.50	20	64.43	41
Chicago	58.00-61.00	60.77	43	62.52	76
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			63.22	25
Denver	80.50	80.38	15	79.04	17
Detroit	60.00-62.00	61.75	16	64.96	59
Los Angeles	81.00	79.17	59	73.46	127
New York	60.00-63.00	61.86	28	64.01	52
Philadelphia	60.50-63.00	61.32	11	61.27	22
Pittsburgh	61.00-63.00	61.91	11	67.58	59
St. Louis	60.00-60.25	59.90	22	62.16	42
San Francisco	81.50	80.30	35	77.99	86

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	11/01/04	Change/Last Wk	10/25/04	11/03/03
606	67.76	-.25	68.01	63.77

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	64.00-66.00	65.60	34
Central	61.00-68.00	65.32	74
Western	53.00-74.00	66.41	38
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	72.00-74.00	72.94	91

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,141	58.00-77.25	74.25

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.50	1,515
BREASTS - B/S	154.00	5,881
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50	1,617
THIGH MEAT - B/S	73.00	1,097
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,861
WINGS	95.50	3,082

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged light to moderate, mostly light to fair entering the week. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate and competitively priced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items, wings and tenderloins were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand into all channels following the weekend was light to moderate, best for active first of the month business and ads. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair, but slightly better where ads were planned or in progress. Breast items were at least adequate or available, wings were fully adequate to ample, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices down 1 cent throughout the region compared to last week. Trade sentiment was very weak. Trading reported on regular commitments at mainly lower prices, with new negotiations at lower to sharply lower prices. Offerings were ample for the seasonally fair buyers' interest. Retailer demand was moderate at best. Dealers reported overall fair week-end clearances. Trading reported for this week's delivery on parts: leg quarter 29.5-32 bulk and 4/10s mainly 32, bulk drumstick mainly 30 and 8/5s 33-35, boneless leg meat 62-65, thigh meat mainly 75, bone-in breast 79-94 and boneless 121-131. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 55.12 sharply lower by 6.47 and the volume reported up 3 percent to 30 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices unchanged from Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Market tone cautiously steady, undertone weak on moderate to heavy offerings. Movement was light to moderate into retail and food service, instances good into fast food and sports bars. Floor stocks adequate to ample with some reductions of regular commitments noted. Weights desirable to heavy. Parts supplies were adequate to ample on light trade activity as buyers take a wait and see attitude. Supplies of breast cuts and wings moderate to heavy, leg items adequate. Market tone steady on dark meat and barely steady to weak on the balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as light to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate and clearing satisfactorily at most points. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 62 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate. Breasts items and wings were noted as available and difficult to clear.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	59-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	65.00
NO. OF BOXES	8,265

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was noted as light to no better than fair as dealers assessed market conditions and limited orders to most immediate needs. Breast items remained available at discounted levels. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were readily available. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items, wings and tenders; no better than steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
			AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S		130	126.80	502,224
TENDERLOINS		105-110	111.61	58,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS		72-73	81.16	95,720
BREAST - LINE RUN		72	70.74	114,360
LEGS		42-43	35.21	270,822
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		28-29	30.50	134,681
DRUMSTICKS		27-28	32.76	97,880
THIGHS		24-25	36.39	80,560
B/S THIGHS		75-76	69.68	52,320
WINGS (WHOLE)		82-83	95.77	115,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.89	27,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		30-35	29.43	13,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		60-65	65.22	12,160

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,696	102.00-210.00	109-119	117.77
TENDERLOINS	565	90.00-188.00	105-112	107.37
BREAST - WITH RIBS	208	67.00-93.00	-	80.35
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	863	26.00-30.00	26-27	26.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,374	27.00-30.00	-	27.47
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	-
THIGHS	1,203	20.00-42.00	21-23	21.16

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	11/01	10/28	10/28	10/25	10/21
Alabama	4,062	4,019	5.12	4,059	5.23
Arkansas	5,496	5,423	5.11	5,504	5.18
Delmarva	2,198	2,230	5.51	2,228	5.69
KY-LA-TN	2,130	2,112	5.02	2,103	4.96
Mississippi	2,860	3,030	5.48	3,017	5.50
North Carolina	2,522	2,509	6.38	2,509	6.43
Texas	2,495	2,538	5.00	2,519	5.01
Total	21,763	21,861	5.33	21,939	5.39
Mon	21,763(A)			21,939(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Nov 2004 is estimated to be 32,560,000 down 1.10 percent from a week ago. and up 2.2 percent from a year ago.  
(last week 32,922,000 last year 31,858,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	775	110.00-185.00	112-119	118.84
TENDERLOINS	288	95.00-195.00	95-100	102.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	102	70.00-94.00	74-78	76.24
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	103	27.00-50.00	28-29	29.95
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	511	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	940	24.00-32.00	27-28	27.47
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)	405	85.00-105.00	100-105	100.80
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR NOV 01, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.50 - 42.50	39.50	39.05

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF NOV 01-05-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00 - 134.00	118.00 - 134.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	70.00 - 98.00	71.00 - 80.50
LEGS	34.00 - 39.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24.00 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	24.00 - 37.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	59.00 - 101.00	65.00 - 90.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 60.00	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	95.75-99.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	99.25-103.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	67-68
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

##### **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-106
	DRY PACK 106-110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	175-192

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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**CHICKEN**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		18.50-25.00	19.50-22.00	828,000	468,000
WTD AVERAGE		22.11	21.44		
15-20%					
RANGE		17.00-27.00	17.50-20.00	2,652,000	1,612,000
WTD AVERAGE		18.86	19.04		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	17.50	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE			17.50		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-12	11.48
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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**CHICKEN**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	19.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE			19.00		
15-20%					
RANGE		13.75-22.00	11.00-19.00	2,548,400	1,366,800
WTD AVERAGE		16.21	12.98		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	15.75	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE			15.75		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from producers. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*

FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-NOV-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-15 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.25	10.23

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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